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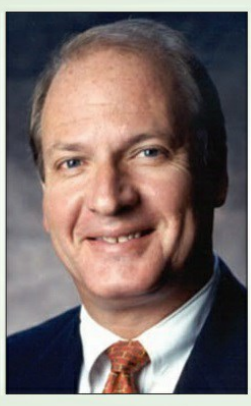

Questionable Ties

Sen. Rand Paul (far left photo) may not be the maverick many patriots are hoping. Currently he is expanding his political ties to include influential politicians and powerbrokers like Vin Weber (middle photo) and longtime neocon GOP money kingpin Karl Rove (far right photo).

Rand Paul Mingling With Big Money Elite

• Is senator selling his soul to internationalist wing of GOP in exchange for 2016 support?

By Michael Collins Piper

Buried on page A-13 of the Nov. 2 edition of the elite media's flagship newspaper, *The New York Times*, was an interesting array of data regarding recent activities of Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who remains — with many rising reservations — a popular figure among grassroots populists.

In an article comparing and contrasting Paul with another tea party favorite, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), who is — like Paul — mentioned as a possible maverick candidate in the 2016 GOP presidential primaries, the *Times* noted:

> [T]he Kentucky senator has quietly been reaching out to more establishment forces within the Republican Party, trying to prove to big donors and mainline Republican organizations that he is more than a tea party figure or a rerun of his father's failed candidacies.
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> In September, Mr. Paul mingled with New York financial titans at the Central Park West penthouse of Woody Johnson, the Jets owner and Johnson & Johnson heir, who hosted a Republican National Committee fund-raiser with a group of potential 2016 Republican contenders.
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> A few weeks later, at the Four Seasons in Washington, Mr. Paul appeared at a closed-door American Crossroads foreign policy panel and then posed for pictures with donors to the "super PAC," which was co-founded by Karl Rove, a despised figure among some tea party activists.
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> And while Mr. Paul first won office by taking on the anointed Senate candidate of Kentucky's senior senator, Mitch McConnell, Mr. Paul is now helping Mr. McConnell's re-election effort and joined him and other establishment Republicans at a lobbyist-filled fund-raising retreat for the National Republican Senatorial Committee last month in Sea Island, Ga.

These might be lies designed to undermine Paul with grassroots supporters—as some might hope. But Paul has not yet denied any of the reported associations or sued the *Times*.

However, as AMERICAN FREE PRESS pointed out earlier this year, more and more disturbing evidence that has been coming forth suggests that Paul's ambitions have been getting critical support from the establishment elite, which seems to favorably perceive the young senator as distancing himself from his father, retired Rep. Ron Paul of Texas.

AFP pointed out that on June 20, in its print edition (published on the Internet on June 19) that *The Washington Post* — a key voice for powerful internationalist forces — had featured a front-page story declaring "Rand Paul moving from fringes into mainstream."

Asserting that Paul "is talked about as a credible Republican presidential contender in 2016," who is "no longer marginalized by his party — or dismissed by the opposition," the *Post* story promoting Paul appeared on the very day (though the Post didn't mention it at the time) Paul was the keynote speaker at a fundraising banquet for the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) in Washington.

Among the biggest donors for that gala featuring Paul were Internet giants Google and Facebook — both of which have been represented at recent meetings of the powerful Bilderberg group alongside former Washington Post Company chairman Donald Graham, who is also a member of Facebook's board of directors.

The *Post* story was almost an eerie echo of an earlier report in AMERICAN FREE PRESS on May 28, 2012, which noted that some patriots were already speculating Paul was in the process of what one source described as a looming "rewrite" of his father's views on matters of national security and foreign policy, positions that, quite naturally, rankled the Bilderberg elite.

The *Post* story also cited the favorable view of Paul by former Rep. Vin Weber (R-Minn.) who, though the Post didn't mention it, is a director of the Council on Foreign Relations — an offshoot of the London-based Royal Institute for International Affairs, the foreign policy arm of the Rothschild banking dynasty which has always played a major role in the Bilderberg meetings.

A veteran of the now-infamous "Project for the New American Century," which declared the need for a "New Pearl Harbor" to stimulate American meddling around the globe, Weber once urged the GOP to be "America's new internationalist party."

The recent *New York Times* story hyping Paul's new ties to the power elite cited Trygve Olson as saying that Rand Paul is "becoming a translator between the grass-roots conservatives and the establishment," and "actually demonstrating leadership."

Notably, however, the *Times* did not tell its readers that Olson also happened to be Paul's chief 2010 Senate campaign tactician. His background included a stint as an operative for the International Republican Institute (IRI), a creation of — and funded by — the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) of which the aforementioned internalist power broker, Vin Weber, was chairman (and on whose board of directors he remains).

Described by outspoken columnist Paul Craig Roberts as "an election-rigging tool of U.S. hegemony," the IRI and the NED stand in stark opposition to the nationalist and non-interventionist point of view so effectively articulated by Paul's father.

As AFP has previously pointed out: Uncomfortable as all of these details are, they point to the need for patriots to monitor Paul closely in the years ahead.

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